

# Fire Situation Report – October 18, 2016

## Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - Forestry Services



### PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS\* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 10/17/16 thru 10/18/16

NE Area – 0 Fires  
EC Area – 2 Fires Burned 3 Acres (Causes: 1-Escaped Controlled Burn; 1-Electrical)  
SE Area – 2 Fires Burned 5 Acres (2-Incendiary)

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area: No Activity

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area: No Activity

OFS Prescribed Fire Activity: No Activity

\* Protection Area Statistics do not reflect local fire department's fire run information. Statistics are for the ODAFF-Forestry Services' fifteen county Fire Protection Area in eastern Oklahoma unless otherwise noted in the Discussion section of this report.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS\*\* from [www.firereporting.ok.gov](http://www.firereporting.ok.gov) recorded on 10/17/16 thru 10/18/16

- Three fires burned 43 Acres (Causes: 2-Equip. Use; 1-Debris Burning)  
*Reporting Department(s): Tecumseh Fire Department*

\*These statistics are from Fire Departments that have recorded their information on the Oklahoma, Forestry Services web-based Fire Reporting System. Totals do not reflect the total acres burned or total number of fires that have occurred in Oklahoma.

### Statewide Discussion:

Numerous fires were noted in media coverage, but no requests for State assistance were received during the reporting period.

**Fire danger will be high to very-high today across most of western Oklahoma.** The past few days of extreme temperatures coupled with very, strong dry winds have allowed rapid curing of fine fuels across nearly the entire State. A cold front is currently crossing the Oklahoma with very dry relative humidity readings behind the front.

Today's forecast calls for northeasterly winds in the 5-15 mph range with relative humidity readings dropping into the upper 20-30% range west of I-35. Temperatures are forecast to reach into the mid-70s in northwest Oklahoma and into the upper 80s in southern Oklahoma.

Dry wildland fuels will be available to burn early this morning due to low relative humidity readings behind cold front. Any fire starting this afternoon west of I-35 has the potential to burn very intensely with moderate to rapid rates of spread. The highest rates of spread will be experienced where winds and terrain align. Hardwood timbered areas will still serve as a barrier to fire spread until leaf fall is complete in the next few weeks. Initial attack success should be high under today's forecast conditions.

**No Burn Bans are presently active.** For the most current information on Burn Bans click on the following link:  
<http://www.forestry.ok.gov/burn-ban-information>

**Remember... ONLY YOU can prevent wildfires! Enjoy Oklahoma's wildlands responsibly.  
Report any suspicious wildland fire activity on the  
Arson Tip Line: 1-866-662-7766 (1-866-NO ARSON).**

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